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Died, Nurse not needed," should be underscored. "Recovered" is used rather than "Cured" as there was so much quibbling about the possibility of curing 85 per cent of our cases. Many of them are dismissed distinctly improved and a fairly large number are dismissed recovered from the condition which made our care necessary. If there is nothing further which a nurse may do for the patient, if the physical condition is decidedly better, the word "Recovered" should be used without too many qualms or too much quibbling. If, on the other hand, the condition is chronic or semi-chronic, like paralysis, syphilis, tuberculosis, malnutrition; if the patient shows some improvement and may be cared for entirely by his family or may take care of himself, the case should be dismissed "Improved."

"Dismissed to Family, Hospital, Dispensary, Other Care." Some space is left here for other classifications if locally desired. The name of the hospital or dispensary or the kind of other care, should be inserted for statistical purposes and to show how much work certain hospitals and dispensaries are doing for us or, in case of later dispute as to the proper disposition of the case.

The next group, "Free, Paying, M. L. I., Industrial, Sick Benefit," is self-explanatory. We are sometimes asked how we classify a patient who pays occasionally but not regularly. The word "Paying" is underscored in these cases, as the amount or the frequency of the fee is always entered on the other side of the card. A "free" patient is one who never pays anything for his care and for whom no one else pays. This classification is bound to be somewhat overlapping, as an industrial or an insured patient, so frequently becomes a free patient; but it is useful on various occasions, and worth keeping up.

(To be continued.)

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING ERRATUM

In this department of the January JOURNAL, a statement was made crediting the Orthopaedic Clinics, now being held in New York state, for 1916 Infantile Paralysis cases, to the State Charities Aid. This was an error, as the clinics are under the direct management of the State Department of Health, the State Charities Aid only having assumed responsibility for any social service work which may be needed in connection with the cases seen at these clinics. The article by Dr. Lovett entitled "The Management of Poliomyelitis with a View to Minimizing Ultimate Disability," was printed in the *Medical Record* of October 21, 1916, and the New York State Department of Health, Albany, should be addressed for bulletins dealing with the recent epidemic.—*E. L. F.*